

LESSON III
LIVING AS SONS OF GOD
IN THE SUPERNATURAL CHURCH

I. WE DO NOT IMPOSE MAN'S REGULATIONS

A. The Word of God is your guide.

1. **(Ps. 119:105)** Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.
2. **We are renewed by knowledge of the Word.**
 - a. **(Col. 3:10)** And have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created Him.
 - b. **(Romans 12:2)** And do not be conformed to this world, but transformed be by the **renewing of your mind**, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.
3. **Your inner man and your mind must be renewed with the word of God on a daily basis. (II Cor. 4:16)** Therefore, we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day.

B. You are personally responsible to study the Word.

1. **(II Tim. 2:15)** Be diligent to present yourself **approved to God**, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.
2. **(II Tim. 3:16-17)** All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

C. You are responsible to be a doer of the Word.

1. **(Matt. 7:24-28)** Therefore, whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock...
2. **(James 1:22)** But be doers of the Word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

II. WE BELIEVE IN LIVING A SANCTIFIED LIFE

A. Sanctified means to separate, to set apart, to purify from sin.

1. **The Word of God will sanctify you.**
 - a. **(John 17:17)** Sanctify them by Your truth, Your word is truth.
 - b. **(Eph. 5:26)** ...that He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water of the Word.
2. **The Word separates us from the world and its overlord.**
(John 8:32) And you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free.
3. **The Word separates us from unnecessary things to God.**
(Eph. 5:1-2) Therefore, be followers of God as dear children. And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a

sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.

- B. Sanctification is part of redemption.** Redemption means we have been bought with a price, the precious blood of Jesus.
1. **(Heb. 13:12)** Therefore, Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate.
 2. **(I Cor. 1:30)** But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God -- and righteousness and sanctification and redemption.

III. WE BELIEVE IN LIVING THE SPIRIT FILLED LIFE

- A. The Holy Spirit is available to every believer.**
1. **(Acts 2:4)** And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.
 2. **(Acts 2:38-39)** ...you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you and your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call.
- B. The Holy Spirit makes power available.**
1. **(Acts 1:8)** But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.
 2. **(Luke 24:49)** Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high.
- C. You are responsible to maintain the spirit filled life. You should pray in tongues every day.**
1. **(Jude 20)** But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit.
 2. **(I Cor. 14:18)** Paul said: I thank my God I speak with tongues more than you all.
 3. **Be constantly in the process of being filled with the Spirit.**
 - a. **(Eph. 5:18)** ...be filled with the Spirit. (More correctly, 'be being filled' which is a continual process.)
 - b. If you are going to stay filled you have to keep drinking.
The New Testament believers were continually being filled. **(Acts 2:4; Acts 4:31; Acts 13:52)**
 4. **Practical ways to be filled with the Spirit.**

(Eph. 5:18b-21) Be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another in the fear of God.

 - a. Speaking and singing to one another and making melody in your heart and submitting to one another are ways to be filled.

- (1) Psalms - poetry and scripture
- (2) Hymns - songs of praise
- (3) Spiritual Songs - songs of the Spirit and the spirit of prophecy
- (4) Submission - to one another in the fear of God
- b. You need to have a fresh experience every day.
 - (1) **(Psalm 40:3)** He has put a new song in my mouth - Praise to our God...
 - (2) **(Is. 28:11-12)** For with stammering lips and another tongue, He will speak to this people... This is the rest with which you may cause the weary to rest. And, this is the refreshing.

IV. AS HE IS SO ARE WE IN THE WORLD – We walk by faith

A. **Let Christ be formed in you - to take shape.**

- 1. **(Eph. 4:13-15)** ...till we all come to the unity of the faith and knowledge the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; we should no longer be children...but speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head--Christ.
- 2. **(Eph. 4:23-24)** ...and be renewed in the spirit of your mind that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in righteousness and true holiness.

B. **Our spirit man must have spirit food to grow. The word is food for our spirit.**

(Heb. 5:12-14) But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by **reason of use** have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

C. **We become like Messiah when we speak and eat the promises of God.**

(II Peter 1:3-4) ...by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

V. WE LIVE SUPERNATURALLY IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD

A. **We live supernaturally because of the operation of the Holy Spirit.**

- 1. **(I Cor. 12:7)** But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all.
- 2. The Book of Acts is an example of the Supernatural Church.
 - a. **(Acts 2:43)** Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles.
 - b. **(Acts 6:8)** And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and signs among the people.

B. **Christ is the Head - we are the body the Church. (Romans 12:4-5; Eph. 5:30)**

- 1. **(Eph. 1:22)** He put all things under His feet and gave Him to be Head over

all things to the Church.

2. **(Eph. 4:15)** ...may grow up in all things into Him who is the head -- Christ...
3. **(Eph. 5:23)** For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body.

C. The Church is a united church. (Eph. 4:3-6)

1. **(I Cor. 12:12-14)** For by one spirit we were all baptized into one body.
2. **(Rom. 12:4-5)** ...so being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another.
3. **(Eph. 4:13)** ...till we all come to the unity of the faith and the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

VI. God said, Teach My People Faith (Pastor's Vision)

A. We are a Worshipping Church. (Ps. 50:23; Ps. 145:10; Ps. 150)

1. **(Ps. 22:3)** But You are holy, Who inhabit the praises of Israel.
2. **(Ps. 8:2)** Out of the mouth of babes and infants You have ordained strength, because of Your enemies, that You may silence the enemy and the avenger.

B. We are a Word church. (John 8:31-32; I Peter 1:25)

1. God and His Word are One. **(John 1:1; John 1:14)** In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God...and the Word became flesh and dwelt among us...
2. **(John 17:17)** Sanctify them by Your truth, Your word is truth.
3. **(John 8:31-32)** If you abide in My word, you are my disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

C. We believe faith has works. (James 2:26; James 2:18)

1. **(James 1:22)** Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.
2. **(Luke 6:46-49)** Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not the things which I say?
3. **(James 2:17)** Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

D. We are a praying Church.

1. **(Luke 18:1)** ...Men ought always to pray and not lose heart.
2. **(I Thess. 5:17)** Pray without ceasing.
3. **(Eph. 6:18)** Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit...

4. We believe everything we do must have a strong prayer base.

- a. Prayer is communication with God in receiving what he has already done for us in Christ Jesus.

- b. Prayer that brings results must be based on God's Word.
- (1) **(Jer. 1:12)** Then the Lord said to me, You have seen well, for I am ready to perform My word.
 - (2) **(Isaiah 55:11)** So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return void to me, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.

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